THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) No licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act is required for manufacture of LPG cylinders.

Losses by Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company

1975. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company has incurred losses to the tune of crores of rupees so far;

(b) if so, what were its Balance Sheets for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(c) what were the reasons for its incurring such heavy losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Reports have been received from the State Government of Meghalaya that M|s. Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company, a State Govt. unit is incurring losses. The information regarding the exact amount of loss and the balance sheets of the Company have not been furnished by the State Government.

(c) The main reasons for losses is the low capacity utilisation because of locational disadvantages, extreme climatic conditions and non-availability of trained technical personnel.

Cement Corporation of India

1976. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India is expected to be in the red in the current year;

(b) if so, the net loss expected to be incurred during the year 1985-86;

(c) what are the reasons for which the CCI's performance in terms of profit has been on the decline for the last two years and during the current year it is likely to incur a record loss; and

(d) the steps being taken to tone up the working of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The net loss expected to be incurred during 1985-86 is Rs. 13 crores (Approx.).

(c) The Corporation has indicated the following reasons:—

(1) Increase in power tariff in Madhya Pradesh (where three units are located). Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Assam;

(2) Increase in coal prices at Singareni Collieries w.e.f. 1-1-1985 affecting the profitability of the three units, Adilabad, Yerraguntla and Kurkunta served by these collieries;

(3) Increase in mineral right tax in Andhra Pradesh by Rs. 9 per tonne on limestone affecting the profitability of two units located at Adilabad and Yerraguntla in this State;

(4) Extra freight on road transportation on coal from Western Coalfields and Singareni Collieries to the two units at Yerraguntla and Kurkunta and also to some extent to Adilabad;

(5) Lower production of cement than anticipated due to various reasons such as severe power cut|power shortage|fluctuations|trippings faced by the plants, particularly those located in the States of Karnataka and Haryana, non-availability of railway wagons, non-availability of sufficient quantity of slag, short